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CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CONVICTION SENDS WICHITA MAN TO JAIL FOR 10 YEARS

WICHITA, KAN. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that Michael W. McCutchen, 53, Wichita, Kan., has been sentenced to prison.

McCutchen was sentenced this week by U.S. District Judge Wesley E. Brown to 120 months in federal prison on one count of possessing child pornography that had been transported in interstate commerce by computer. McCutchen also will be required to register as a sex offender and submit a sample of his DNA to be kept on file for use by law enforcement.

McCutchen pleaded guilty Dec. 8, 2004 to possessing child pornography. In his plea, he admitted that on Feb. 20, 2004 he possessed on computer more than ten and less than 150 images of prepubescent minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. He was subject to a 10-year minimum sentence because he had a prior conviction in 1985 on a misdemeanor charge of sexual battery of a child.

Melgren commended the work of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger, who prosecuted the case.

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